

PLEASE AMEND THE CLAIMS AS FOLLOWS:

Please cancel claims 1 through 9 without prejudice. Applicant reserves the right to pursue such claims in this or a continuation application.

10. (First Amended) An anchor-free apparatus for bracing a wall being fabricated from masonry blocks above a wall foundation with said wall or foundation having [at least one] a single one only base-located connector opening through the block wall being fabricated such that a right angle brace set may be rotated around said connector opening, free from any buried in the ground anchor, said apparatus comprising:

at least one brace supporting structure having stiff vertical, horizontal and diagonal members with said [vertical member] structure having its vertical member connected at a right angle to [said] its horizontal member by a pair of spaced apart flanges which sandwich and rigidly affix said vertical and horizontal members together into a unitary right angle brace structure adapted for rotational placement [set and placed] adjacent one surface of the masonry wall being fabricated;

a single adjustable connector means [affixed at said] inserted in said connector opening and coupled to the right angle of said brace structure with said connector means having a length sufficient to extend through said base-located connector opening and being adjustable for fixing said unitary right angle brace structure in place after rotation of same;

means associated with said connector means for connecting the right angle [section] flanges of said brace structure to a supporting surface on the opposite side of said connector opening in said wall; [and]

manually operable means for [both] tightening and/or loosening said adjustable connector means in order to allow said rigid unitary brace set to be rotated and fixed in place;

said horizontal member of said brace being cantilever connected to said base or foundation by said single adjustable connecting means; and

a screwjack resting on a plate sitting on the surface of the ground, which screwjack is located at the outermost end of said horizontal member for [leveling] tilting said horizontal member until said vertical brace member is flush against said wall surface.

11. (First Amended) Apparatus for bracing a wall in accordance with claim 10 and further comprising:

means for adjustably anchoring said single base-located connecting means against a supporting surface located on the other side of said wall.

12. (First Amended) Apparatus for bracing a wall in accordance with claim 10 and further comprising means for bracing both sides of said wall and further wherein:

said supporting surface on the other side of the wall is a second right angle [support set] brace structure identical to said first [set] brace structure, and said first and second [sets] brace structures are further characterized in that:

said [set] structures are in back to back positions on opposite sides of said wall.

13. (First Amended) Apparatus for bracing a wall in accordance with claim 10 wherein said first and second assembled right angle brace [set] structures initially rest[s] on the ground and are capable of manual rotation around said single connecting means to a vertical position, and further comprising:

[means] a tie wire embedded in said wall and twistable around said vertical member for [manually] holding said first and/or second [set] brace structures in an upright position against said wall free from [any further] manual support.

14. (First Amended) The apparatus of claim 13 wherein said single connecting means is a threaded shaft of length sufficient to extend through said wall and through and beyond the right angle flange of said brace structures, and said apparatus further comprises:

[manual] adjustable tightening means on said threaded shaft with said [manual] tightening means being adjustable and accessible for manual tightening and/or loosening from at least on one side of said wall.

15. (First Amended) The apparatus of claim 14 and wherein said tie wire means further comprises[ing]:

a length of wire sufficiently long to extend away from said wall and around said vertical brace member means for temporarily tying, said vertical member of both of said [first set] brace structures to said wall prior to said connector means being [finally] tightened.

Cancel claims 16 and 17 through 20 without prejudice and add the following claims:

21. (Newly Added) Apparatus for bracing a wall being fabricated from masonry blocks above a wall foundation with said wall having a base-located connector through the block wall being fabricated, said apparatus comprising:

a rigid unitary right angle brace loosely connected to said connector at the right angle portion thereof free from any buried in the ground anchor, and said brace positioned on said connector for rotation to a vertical position with a horizontal side of said brace extending away from said wall;

said connector means being adjustable, after rotation of said unitary right angle brace to a vertical position, for fixing same in place adjacent said wall;

manually operable means sitting on the ground and coupled to an outermost end of said horizontal side of said unitary brace for leveling said unitary brace until its vertical brace side is flush against said wall surface; and

means adjusting said connector means against said right angle portion of said brace for holding same in a vertical position against said wall.

22. (Newly Added) The apparatus of claim 21 wherein said vertical side of said brace is open at a top end and further comprising:

a solid top cap covering the open end of said vertical support member.

23. (Newly Added) The apparatus of claim 21 wherein said vertical screw column of the screw jack further comprises:

an open cylinder positioned at the outrigger end of the horizontal member of said brace for receiving said vertical column; and

said manually operable means tilts said horizontal brace member until said horizontal brace side is essentially level and said vertical brace side is essentially flush against said wall.

24. (Newly Added) The apparatus of claim 21 wherein said horizontal brace member is cantilever connected by said base-located connector means and said manually operable means further comprises:

non-buried means supported by a load bearing surface sitting on the ground; and

said last mentioned means further comprises a vertical raising/lowering column engaging the outermost end of said horizontal brace and adjustable there against for tilting the cantilevered horizontal member of said brace.

25. (Newly Added) The apparatus of claim 21 wherein said brace includes a vertical, horizontal and diagonal side and further comprises:

a pair of spaced apart flanges which sandwich and rigidly affix said vertical and horizontal brace members together into said unitary right angle brace structure with said single connector means being a threaded bolt and nut combination adjustably located in an oversized opening in said flange pair.